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Services in the Service Area of Rock Hill Telephone Co.

Docket No. 2008-329-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find Time Warner Cable's Motion to Compel Rock Hill Telephone Co. to Respond to Discovery Requests, or in the alternative, Motion in Limine. Given the deadlines for submitting testimony in this case, we respectfully request expedited review of this motion. By copy of this letter we are serving the same on interested parties. If you have any questions, please have someone on your staff contact me.

Yours truly,

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2008-329-C

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Warner Cable to Amend its Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Provide
Telephone Services in the Service Area of
Rock Hill Telephone Co. and
for Alternative Regulation

# TIME WARNER CABLE'S MOTION TO COMPEL ROCK HILL TELEPHONE CO. TO RESPOND TO DISCOVERY REQUESTS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION IN LIMINE

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-829, 103-833, 103-835, and 103-846; Rule 37, SCRCP; and Rule 403, SCRE, Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina) LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner Cable") hereby moves for an order compelling Rock Hill Telephone Company ("Rock Hill") to respond to Time Warner Cable's discovery requests on an expedited basis, or alternatively, for an order barring Rock Hill from raising the issues that approval of Time Warner Cable's application would adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service or adversely impact the public interest in the proceeding. Time Warner Cable has attempted to resolve this matter without the intervention of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), but has been unsuccessful; and therefore, files this motion.

# **Motion to Compel Discovery Responses**

On September 12, 2008, Time Warner Cable served Rock Hill with its First Set of

Interrogatories and First Request for Production (collectively "Discovery Requests"). Time Warner Cable seeks an order compelling Rock Hill to respond to basic questions and provide certain documents supporting their position in regard to Time Warner Cable's application. On October 2, 2008, Rock Hill served Time Warner Cable its Answers to First Interrogatories and Response to Request for Production attached as **Exhibits 1 and 2**. Rock Hill objected to ten of the fifteen interrogatories, indicated that it had not developed a position in regard to two of the Interrogatories, and provided an incomplete, evasive, and non-responsive answer to one of the Interrogatories. Rock Hill objected to nine of the twelve Requests for Production. On October 3, 2008, counsel for Time Warner Cable contacted counsel for Rock Hill by letter via email in an attempt to resolve the discovery dispute. See attached **Exhibit 3**.

Rock Hill objected to most of the discovery on the basis that the information sought was not relevant as to whether Time Warner Cable met the statutory requirements to provide service in its area. The financial information and documents requested by Time Warner Cable in its Discovery Requests are relevant if Rock Hill contends that Time Warner Cable's application should be denied because the financial impact on Rock Hill would adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service. Rock Hill indicated in its petition to intervene that it "has not yet fully developed a position with respect to this proceeding." See Rock Hill's Petition to Intervene, ¶ 4. In Rock Hill's answers to Interrogatory Nos. 1-4, and 1-5, Rock Hill again states that it has not yet fully developed a position regarding (1) whether Time Warner Cable's service would have an adverse impact on the affordability of local telephone service with the service area of Rock Hill and (2) whether Rock Hill would lose revenue from competition

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Objected to Interrogatory Nos. 1-1, 1-2, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, and 1-13. Not developed a position on Interrogatory Nos. 1-4 and 1-5.

Non-Responsive answer to Interrogatory Nos. 1-14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Objected to Request Nos. 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, and 1-12.

with Time Warner Cable.

The Interrogatories and Requests for Production related to the company's financial condition are clearly relevant to the financial impact that Time Warner Cable's provision of service may have on Rock Hill. The Discovery Requests related to Rock Hill's affiliates are relevant to determine whether the affiliates are providing competitive broadband, cable or video services to clients and whether Rock Hill is subsidizing the non-regulated activities of its affiliates.

The Commission's regulations require a party to indicate its position in a proceeding. 26 S.C. Regs. 103-825(A)(3). Rock Hill's refusal to respond to the Interrogatories related to its position and the financial impact of the application on Rock Hill is prejudicial to Time Warner Cable. It deprives Time Warner Cable's expert witness of any meaningful opportunity to review Rock Hill's financial situation and prepare his testimony concerning the potential impact of the application. Time Warner Cable requests that the Commission issue an order overruling Rock Hill's objections and requiring Rock Hill to respond to Time Warner Cable's discovery requests on an expedited basis so that its expert witness will have adequate time to analyze the information.

# Alternatively, Motion in Limine

In the alternative, should Rock Hill fail to provide the answers and documents requested within five days, Time Warner Cable moves for an order barring Rock Hill from introducing any evidence in regard to whether Time Warner Cable's application would adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service or the public interest in its service area. The Commission's regulations provide that the rules of evidence applied in civil cases in the Court of Common Pleas shall be followed by the Commission. 26 S.C. Regs. 103-846. Rule 403, SCRE,

provides that "[a]lthough relevant, evidence may be excluded if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or misleading the jury, or by considerations of undue delay, waste of time, or needless presentation of cumulative evidence."

In order to present a full and complete case, Time Warner Cable is entitled to know Rock Hill's position so it can fully prepare and develop its case. The South Carolina Supreme Court has held that it is inexcusable for a party to fail to provide certain information pretrial. *Morgan v. Carolina Door Products, Inc.*, 281 S.C. 423, 426-27, 315 S.E. 2d 119, 120-21 (Sup. Ct. 1984). To allow Rock Hill to allege that granting Time Warner Cable's application would damage Rock Hill's financial status and adversely impact local service in Rock Hill's territory without providing information on its financial condition and relationships with its affiliates would unfairly prejudice Time Warner Cable. Should Rock Hill fail to provide the requested information, Time Warner Cable moves that Rock Hill not be allowed to present any evidence of a potential adverse impact on the availability of local service in its area.

WHEREFORE, Time Warner Cable moves for an order compelling Rock Hill to completely respond to its First Set of Interrogatories and First Requests for Production within five days along with such other relief as the Commission may deem proper. In the alternative, Time Warner Cable moves that Rock Hill not be allowed to present any evidence of a potential adverse impact on the availability of local service in its area.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2008.

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

#### BEFORE

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

# SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2008-329-C

IN RE:	Application of Time Warner Cable Information			
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# ROCK HILL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S ANSWERS TO TIME WARNER CABLE INFORMATION SERVICES' 1<sup>ST</sup> SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Rock Hill Telephone Company ("Rock Hill"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits the within responses to the First Set of Interrogatories of Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner").

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-1**

List and identify Rock Hill Telephone's affiliations with any other corporation, subsidiary corporation or companies. For each, provide the following information:

- a. legal name,
- b. date of incorporation or formation,
- c. percentage of ownership by Rock Hill Telephone,
- d. officers and directors,

- e. principal place of business and/or primary address,
- f. type of services provided.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that Rock Hill's affiliations with other corporations, subsidiary corporations or companies is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-2**

List all affiliated entities that are authorized to provide competitive local - exchange services in South Carolina. For each entity, list the areas where service is being provided.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the basis that any authorization of Rock Hill's affiliates to provide competitive local exchange services in South Carolina is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-3**

Identify all exhibits, charts, documents or other items which you intend to introduce at the hearing in this matter.

#### ANSWER:

At this time, Rock Hill has not created or identified any exhibits, charts, documents or other items which it intends to introduce at the hearing in this matter. Any such exhibits, charts, documents or other items which Rock Hill intends to use at the hearing will be provided when they are known.

Do you contend that Time Warner Cable's service would have an adverse impact on the affordability of local telephone service within the service area of Rock Hill Telephone? If so,

- a. state with specificity each fact or reason supporting such contention;
- b. identify all witnesses who will testify about such fact or reason, and
- c. identify all documents concerning or related to such contention.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill has not yet fully developed a position regarding whether Time Warner's service would have an adverse impact on the affordability of local telephone service within the service area of Rock Hill and, therefore, does not so contend at this time.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-5**

Do you contend that Rock Hill Telephone would lose revenue from competition with Time Warner Cable resulting in increases in rates to rural subscribers? If so,

- a. state with specificity each fact or reason supporting such contention;
- b. identify all witnesses who will testify about such facto or reason, and
- c. identify all documents concerning or related to such contention.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill has not yet fully developed a position regarding whether Rock Hill would lose revenue from competition with Time Warner resulting in increases in rates to rural subscribers and, therefore, does not so contend at this time.

State Rock Hill Telephone's net income for each of the past five years.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that Rock Hill's net income over the past five years is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, Rock Hill is producing Annual Reports that have been filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for each of the past five years in response to Request for Production No. 1-3.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-7**

List the areas in which Rock Hill Telephone or an affiliated company provides video and/or cable television services. For each area, list the date Rock Hill Telephone or an affiliated company began providing video and/or cable television services.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that whether or not Rock Hill or its affiliates provide video and/or cable television services, and the areas in which such service are provided, is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Provide a diagram illustrating Rock Hill Telephone's corporate structure and organization.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that Rock Hill's corporate structure and organization are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, Rock Hill is a South Carolina corporation, organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina and doing business since 1894. Rock Hill is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 251(h), and a rural telephone company as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(37).

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-9**

Please describe any VoIP services provided by Rock Hill Telephone or an affiliated entity.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that whether or not Rock Hill or its affiliates provide VoIP services is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Please list the total annual amount of funds the Company received from the Federal Universal Service Fund for each year from 2002 through 2007.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that whether or not Rock Hill receives distributions from the federal Universal Service Fund, and the amount thereof, is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, projections of high-cost federal USF amounts by company are available at <a href="https://www.usac.org">www.usac.org</a>.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-11**

Please list the total annual amount of funds the Company received from the S.C.

Universal Service Fund for each year from 2002 through 2007.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that whether or not Rock Hill receives distributions from the State Universal Service Fund, and the amount thereof, is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, Rock Hill received the following amounts from the State USF:

\$ 940	,497
\$ 929	,759
\$ 868	,272
\$ 951	,919
\$ 1,014	,729
\$ 993	,377
	\$ 929

Describe how the Company's operations expenses have varied over the last three fiscal years.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that Rock Hill's operations expenses, and how they may or may not have varied, is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, Rock Hill's publicly available Telecommunications Company Annual Reports for the past five (5) years are being produced in response to Time Warner's First Request for Production No. 1-3.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-13**

Describe how the Company's operating revenue has varied over the last three fiscal years.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that Rock Hill's operating revenue, and how it may or may not have varied, is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, Rock Hill's publicly available Telecommunications Company Annual Reports for the past five (5) years are being produced in response to Time Warner's First Request for Production No. 1-3.

Would the availability of more than one telephone service provider in the Company's local service area benefit consumers? If the response above is anything other than an unqualified yes, explain why telephone service competition would not benefit

#### ANSWER:

The response to this question is not a simple yes or no, but depends on a variety of factors, each of which the Public Service Commission must carefully weigh in determining whether it is in the public interest to grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Time Warner to provide service in Rock Hill's area.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO. 1-15**

Do you contend that Time Warner Cable has provided telephone services within the Company's service area without certification from the Commission? If so, provide the basis for your contention.

#### ANSWER:

Rock Hill does not know whether Time Warner has provided telephone services within Rock Hill's service area without certification from the Commission and, therefore, does not have any basis for making such a contention at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **EXHIBIT 2**

#### **BEFORE**

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# SOUTH CAROLINA

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# ROCK HILL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO TIME WARNER CABLE INFORMATION SERVICES' 1<sup>ST</sup> REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

Rock Hill Telephone Company ("Rock Hill"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits the within responses to the First Request for Production of Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner").

# **REQUEST NO. 1-1.**

All documents, writing, exhibits listed in or used in the preparation of Rock Hill Telephone Answers to Time Warner Cable's First Set of Interrogatories.

# **RESPONSE:**

None.

Copies of Rock Hill Telephone's financial statements for the last five years.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to the production of its financial statements on the grounds that Rock Hill's financial statements are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Additionally, Rock Hill objects on the grounds that its financial statements constitute proprietary, confidential business and commercial information.

Notwithstanding the above objections, Rock Hill's publicly available Telecommunications Company Annual Reports for the past five (5) years are being produced in response to Time Warner's First Request for Production No. 1-3.

# **REQUEST NO. 1-3**

Copies of Rock Hill Telephone's Annual Reports filed with the Public Service Commission or Office of Regulatory Staff for the last five years.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to the production of its Annual Reports on the grounds that Rock Hill's Annual Reports are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, see attached Annual Reports.

Copies of tariff pages for Rock Hill Telephone related to the provision of VoIP services.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to the production of tariff pages related to the provision of VoIP services on the grounds that any such tariff pages, and the provision of any VoIP services by Rock Hill, are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

# **REQUEST NO. 1-5**

Provide a copy of your annual reports filed with the FCC and/or the United States

Department of Agriculture - Rural Utilities Service for each of the last three years.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to the production of any annual reports filed with the FCC and/or the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Utilities Service, on the grounds that any such reports are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Notwithstanding the above objection, Rock Hill responds that there is no such thing as an annual report filed with the FCC. Additionally, only borrowers of the Rural Utilities Service are required to file annual reports with the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Utilities Service. Rock Hill does not file such reports.

Provide a copy of all reports filed with the USAC and NECA for the last three years.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to the production of all reports filed with the USAC and NECA for the past three years on the grounds that such reports are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Additionally, Rock Hill objects to this request as being overbroad and burdensome, and on the basis that it requests confidential business and commercial information.

#### **REQUEST NO. 1-7**

Provide a copy of all 10-Q reports filed by your company and/or its affiliates with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill is not a publicly-traded company and, therefore, does not file 10-Q reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

# **REQUEST NO. 1-8**

Provide a copy of all 10-K reports filed by your company and/or its affiliates with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008.

# **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill is not a publicly-traded company and, therefore, does not file 10-K reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Provide copies of any financial projections prepared by or for you in the last three years including associated detail and data.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to the production of "financial projections" on the grounds that any such projections are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Additionally, Rock Hill objects on the grounds that the request for "financial projections" is vague and overbroad, and that any such projections would constitute trade secret information and proprietary and confidential business and commercial information.

# **REQUEST NO. 1-10**

Provide a copy of your FCC Form 499-A (Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet) for the last three years.

#### RESPONSE:

Rock Hill objects to the production of FCC Form 499-A information on the grounds that the information contained on such forms is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Additionally, companies generally file such information with the FCC on a confidential basis. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia recently recognized that similar information filed by companies on a confidential basis with the Federal Communications Commission is exempt from the federal Freedom of Information Act. See Center for Public Integrity v. Federal Communications Commission, 505 F. Supp. 2d 106 (D.D.C. 2007) (finding that certain broadband information reported on a confidential basis on the FCC's Form 477 was exempt from disclosure).

Produce a copy of all disclosures your company has made to investors, stockholders or board members regarding the potential impact of competition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to this request on the grounds that disclosures made by Rock Hill to its investors, stockholders, or board members regarding the potential impact of competition are not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Furthermore, such disclosures are speculative, and constitute proprietary business information and/or privileged communications.

#### **REQUEST NO. 1-12**

Produce all documents filed at either the South Carolina Public Service Commission or the FCC explaining your views of the onset of competition in rural areas of South Carolina.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rock Hill objects to this request on the grounds that it is not relevant to the issue in this case, namely whether Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("Time Warner") meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services in Rock Hill's service area.

Furthermore, the request is vague and overbroad, as well as burdensome. Rock Hill does not keep such documents in any organized form. Any such documents would have been filed in a public forum, and Time Warner can identify and access them as easily as Rock Hill can.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **EXHIBIT 3**



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Time Warner Cable Information Services Applications, Docket Nos. 2008-325-C, 2008-326-C, 2008-327-C, 2008-328-C, 2008-329-C, and 2008-330-C.

# Dear John and Peg:

I have reviewed your discovery responses today. You have objected to many of our requests for your clients' financial information on the ground that what we requested is not relevant to "the issue in this case, namely whether [TWCIS] meets the statutory requirements to be awarded a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide certain services..." in your clients' service areas. I don't think that objection is well founded given the position your clients are taking in these cases. In interrogatory 4 we asked specifically whether you contend that Time Warner Cable's service would have an adverse impact on the affordability of local service in your clients' service areas. Your response for each of your clients is that you have not yet formulated a position on that issue. We asked a similar question and received a similar response in interrogatory 5. In response to interrogatory 15 you assert that there are a variety of factors which the Commission must weigh in determining whether the public interest would be served by granting the applications.

Our discovery requests were intended to determine whether your clients would contend that our applications should be denied because the financial impact on your clients would threaten the affordability of basic local service. You have refused to state whether you will make that contention. If your clients do make such a contention they will be putting their financial condition at issue in these cases and the financial information we have requested will clearly be relevant and discoverable. Since you are leaving the door open to raise issues concerning the impact of the applications on your

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clients' financial condition, we are entitled to the discovery we have requested.

The reason I am writing is to attempt to quickly resolve our disagreement on the scope of discovery. Unless we know that no issue concerning impacts on your clients' financial condition will be addressed in the hearing, we will have to prepare to deal with those issues and we will have to have the information we have requested. Accordingly, I intend to file a motion to compel next week and ask for expedited treatment of it by the Commission. If you would like to attempt to resolve the matter please let me know as soon as you can.

I have not addressed confidentiality issues. If we can address the underlying disagreement I am sure that we can reach agreement on a confidentiality agreement as we have in previous cases.

Yours truly,

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